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LUnable understand where news media received impression that
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Department expects Soviets react to Cuban ~~at~~ developments by
applying pressure on autobahn traffic. Department has consistently
sought discourage inclination press to link Cuban and Berlin situ-SAL
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ations as well as speculation that pressure on Berlin next on

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Soviet agenda. Recent press stories out of Germany presumably

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inspired by German sources predicting that next Communist ~~as~~ anti-

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tactic would be demand for passports and visas for travel West

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Germans to West Berlin may well have led news media to conclude

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they should prepare to cover this possible eventuality. It is

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also logical for correspondents conclude that access routes are

one of places Soviets might apply pressure should they decide

heat up Berlin issue.

In conversations with newsmen Department taking line that
 Soviets may well be reassessing their situation in light Cuban
 developments and that we have no indication at present time that
 Soviets intend resume harassment. Allied position Berlin in imme-
 diate future.

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